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Application of:

MARC ALIZON et al.

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For: DIAGNOSTIC KITS AND METHODS)
FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE )
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY )
VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) (as )
amended)

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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

19. (Amended) An in vitro diagnostic method for the detection of the presence or absence of antibodies which bind to antigens of a human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) comprising:

(a) contacting a biological sample with one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of:

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